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(C) During a December 31 meeting with MFA Undersecretary Feridun Sinirlioglu, the Ambassador, deploying reftel talking points, requested Turkey use its excellent access to senior Syrian officials to warn them of the consequences attendent on their continued provision of sophisticated weapons to Hizballah. Sinirlioglu, readily acknowledging the ramifications for regional security, undertook to instruct his ambassador to Damascus to relay our concerns immediately to FM Muallem.

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